

## MANY ANOMALIES WILL BE REMOVED

Promised Reform and Registration Bill Put in Charge of Minister Pease.

ABOLISHES PLURAL VOTING

Amendment to Grant Suffrage to Women Probably Will Be Defeated.

London, July 14.—John A. Pease, Minister of Education, long chief Liberal whip and therefore an expert on registration, was put up by the government to introduce the promised reform and registration bill, the effect of which would, among other things, be to abolish plural voting and increase the number of voters in the United Kingdom to 2,500,000.

It is on this bill that the government has promised to give facilities for the introduction of an amendment to grant the suffrage to women on the same terms as to men. This amendment, however, will not be a government one, and members are to be left to vote as they like on it. As the present House of Commons has already declared itself against the suffrage for women, the amendment has little chance of passing. In fact, the bill itself has very little chance of reaching the statute book, with home rule and Welsh disestablishment ahead of it and hardly time enough to discuss those two great measures.

The bill has been introduced in keeping with three promises made by the Prime Minister. The first was to his own supporters to do away with plural voting, which is generally admitted handicaps Liberal candidates in the constituencies, most of the landholders who have these plural votes casting their votes against the Liberals. This promise can be kept without the passage of the present bill, as another bill with the same purpose has been introduced by a private member and has already passed its second reading. By adopting this bill as their own the government can redeem the first of its promises.

The second promise was, if there was time, to remove the difficulties which the present law places in the way of registration. This can also be carried out in the private bill.

The third promise was to the suffragists to give facilities for the introduction of an amendment giving votes to women. This will be carried out, but as it will be opposed by leaders on both sides of the House, it is not likely to get further than an introduction. This would mean the disposal of the matter in the present Parliament. Then the reform bill will be laid aside, unless, of course, something unforeseen happens, and the Liberals will get rid of plural voting by private bill and in the same way secure the passage of any of their franchise proposals that they consider vital.

The bill introduced by Mr. Pease is of far-reaching effect. By it the value of property as an element of qualification would be raised from every man of twenty-one years of age, with six months' residence or occupation in a constituency, could have his name placed on the register without all the tests which make the English system the most cumbersome in the world. For example, under the present system, if a man removed from one house to another in the same street, he automatically lost his vote and could not get on the list again until a new one was being prepared, which might mean a year. Under the bill just introduced the list always remains open, and a voter has six months in which to notify the officials of his change of address. There are many other anomalies that would be removed.

These changes meet with the approval of all, but there are other clauses in the bill besides the abolition of plural voting which the Conservatives bitterly oppose. The abolition of university representation, which would reduce the voting power of their party in the House of Commons by nine, is objected to on the ground that the university constituencies are the only ones where an education qualification is required. The reduction of the membership of the House of Commons, from the sixty-two taken away by the home rule bill, would make the membership exactly 400. With home rule for Scotland and Wales, which Liberals now look forward to, the House would become a still smaller one, with only 300 members.

As a slight solution for the loss of plural votes, the peers, who heretofore could not vote, are given this privilege with all other "males of twenty-one years of age having a residence or occupation" in the constituency. This does not, however, carry with it the right to sit in the House of Commons. The bill would repeal all the present elaborate paraphernalia of franchise laws, registration courts and revising barristers. It would reduce in entirety no fewer than twenty-eight statutes and partially repeal forty-four other acts of Parliament.

Mr. Pease quoted some interesting figures showing the effect of the measure on operation as follows:

Present parliamentary electorate	2,584,000
Loss of abolition of plural voting	225,000
University voters disfranchised	49,614
	574,614
Effective total	2,009,386
Total males over 21 years in United Kingdom	12,932,000
Male voters	7,499,986
Male adults who are non-voters	4,622,014
Of these, 1,000,000 are males it is estimated that the government bill would give the vote to	2,500,000
Number of women in the United Kingdom	13,250,000
If votes are given to women on the same terms as men under this bill, the number of parliamentary register would be	10,500,000

The government has pledged itself to introduce a redistribution bill as soon as the effect of the proposed reforms on the size of the constituencies is ascertained.

They all want to know  
The Green Tree Maid  
BROAD AT SEVENTH

## Birthday of Mrs. Charles Carter Lee



[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Rocky Mount, Va., July 14.—Mrs. Charles Carter Lee, the last surviving sister-in-law of Robert E. Lee, and the last surviving daughter-in-law of "Light Horse Harry" Lee, will celebrate her eighty-fifth birthday, Thursday, at Nantux, the home of her daughter, Mrs. John R. Guerrant, of this county.

Mrs. Lee, prior to her marriage, was Lucy Penn Taylor, daughter of George Taylor and Kate Randolph Taylor, of Richmond.

Her father was a wealthy planter, owning extensive acres in Hanover and King William. She was born near Hanover Court House and her early instruction was received from governesses from the North.

On moving to Richmond, she was carefully educated in the best select schools of the city, and in her twentieth year became engaged to Charles Carter Lee, eldest son of General Henry Lee and Anne Carter, of Shirley, who was at that time an attorney at the Richmond bar, and an attractive figure in Richmond society.

They were married six months later at the home of her parents on Fifth Street, above a square from the old army. The marriage service took place in the front drawing room, with Dr. Empire, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, as celebrant, and her younger sister one of her eight bride's maids.

Her gown was white crepe over satin and her ornaments pearls, her veil being fastened with orange blossoms. There were about five hundred guests and a handsome supper followed the service.

At the end of a week, during which time a large number of handsome entertainments were given in their honor, Mr. Lee took his fair young bride for a northern bridal tour. The honey-

moon was spent at Newport, R. I., after which they went to housekeeping at Brookfield, five miles from Richmond, and a mile from the old Yellow Tavern near which Stuart received his mortal wound.

Six years later, Mr. Lee purchased Windson, a handsome estate of three thousand acres, on the James River, in Powhatan county, and here Mrs. Lee lived until '97, when she came to Rocky Mount to be with her youngest son, Judge John P. Lee, with whom she still spends part of her time, though making her home with her daughter, Mrs. John R. Guerrant, at Nantux, near Callaway.

Mrs. Lee has been frail in health for years, but is able to take long walks and is as well as usual. Her mind is as clear and bright as ever and with her wealth of rare memories, Mrs. Lee, who has been a life-long student, is a most interesting conversationalist.

She was an accomplished musician and still plays exceedingly well, not only the music of fifty years ago, but the new as well. She keeps in touch with the events of the day and has many interests that bind her to the present, though the last of her generation.

All of the sons and daughters, all the sons-in-law and daughters-in-law of "Light Horse Harry" Lee, have joined "the innumerable throng" save her. All of the brothers and sisters of the beloved Confederate chieftain, "Marshall Robert," with their husbands and wives, have passed from earth's stage—all charming, gentlewomen, who is still spared to her family and friends.

"A link among the days to knit the generations each to each" and bind the storied past with its glory, its chair and romance, to our practical to-day.

J. W. H.

## BIG ENCAMPMENTS ON NORTHERN NECK

Methodists and Baptists Preparing for Annual Religious Gatherings.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Heathsville, Va., July 14.—Extensive preparations are being made for the three encampments that will be held this summer in the lower counties of the Northern Neck, and it is thought the attendance at them will be greater than ever before. The Methodists will hold their encampment at Marvin Grove, where it has been held each summer for more than thirty years. This is a beautiful natural grove of giant oaks, situated in the southern part of Richmond county. At different times many of the most prominent divines in the Methodist Church have held this meeting.

The Baptists hold two encampments—one at Kirkland Grove, named for a very prominent and popular Baptist minister at the time of its organization, Dr. Kirkle, who not long afterwards died. That, too, is a very pretty natural grove of oaks, situated about two miles from Heathsville, in this county. The other Baptist encampment is at Wharton Grove, named for one of its most prominent founders, in Lancaster county. New cottages are in course of erection, and old ones are being repaired, the grounds improved and everything put in order. The Methodists are disappointed in not securing Bishop Kilgo as their leading preacher at Marvin Grove this year. He at one time consented to come, but afterwards found his engagements would not permit. The committee will make every effort to secure an able and attractive preacher to fill his place.

The first mortgage given by the Richmond, Washington and Chesapeake Railway Company to Columbia-Knickbocker Trust Company trustee, has been recorded in the clerk's office of Lancaster. The mortgage involves \$2,000,000, and gives further assurance of the construction of the Northern Neck Railroad.

The fishing season this far has been almost a total failure. During the months of March, April and May the fish trappers caught fewer edible fish than during any year since the beginning of this industry, and since that time the Menhaden fisheries have done a losing business. In the four counties of Lancaster, Northumberland, Accomac and Northampton, there are eighteen or twenty Menhaden fish factories, in which millions of dollars are invested and thousands of men are employed, but up to this time it is doubtful whether any of these costly plants has made expenses this season, and it is known that some of them have been losing several thousand dollars each week.

During the past week some of the steamers engaged in catching fish have been fairly successful, and it is hoped that the Menhaden have headed for the Chesapeake. A few weeks of good fishing will enable all plants to repair losses and make addition to permanent funds.

## FARMERS MEET AT BEDFORD CITY

Interesting Addresses on Various Agricultural Subjects.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Bedford City, Va., July 14.—The Bedford County Farmers' Association held a very interesting meeting here yesterday. The exercises took place on the extensive grounds of Belmont, the speakers' stand and seats for the crowd being arranged in a sort of dell beneath the spreading branches of the two trees of the lawn.

A heavy rain the night previous had cooled the atmosphere, and refreshing breezes from the mountain rendered the day all that could be desired. There was a large attendance of farmers from all parts of the county, numbering about 500, and the deep attention given each speaker was notable and indicative of the interest in their various topics.

W. P. Moore, the district agent, one of Bedford's most progressive and successful young farmers, presided and announced the object of the meeting. Captain T. S. West presented T. O. Sandy, State demonstration agent, who made an address on "Alfalfa, Mixed Grasses and the Use of Lime," which received the closest attention. Only in the last few years has the cultivation of alfalfa been introduced in Bedford, and the suggestions as to the proper methods of cultivating it were very timely.

Mr. Garnett, of the Sixth District Agricultural School, at New London, was the next speaker, whose theme was "Agricultural and Industrial Education as Applied to Work on the Farm."

After a recess for dinner, W. W. Long, of the Department of Agriculture, in Washington, made an address on the "Results of Demonstration Work in the South," showing the great value of this work from the experimental data that have been made in the past.

Governor Mann had been expected to be present at the meeting and make an address, and there was much disappointment that he was prevented from coming. Hon. Carter Glass, Congressman from the Sixth District, attended the morning session as a spectator.

## CONSIDER PLANS FOR SCHOOL FAIR

Matter of Improvement of Appomattox River to Be Subject of Conference.

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Petersburg, Va., July 14.—An important meeting of citizens of Prince George county—men and women—interested in the proposed school fair, was held yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Stafford Hotel, and the matter of the fair was thoroughly discussed. The county courthouse was selected as the place, and November 2, as the date for holding the fair, and it was determined to use every effort to make it a success, not only in the way of school exhibits, but in other respects. There will, of course, be interesting exercises and addresses. The people of the city generally feel an interest in the success of the fair, and will give it their full support.

**Missing: New Found Drowned.**  
Jack Colfield, also known as Jack Boland, aged about fifty-six years, was drowned in the harbor, supposedly on Friday night. He was last seen alive on that night and was reported as missing on Saturday. The body came to the surface this afternoon, a short distance below Pocahontas bridge, was hauled to the shore and viewed by the coroner, who deemed an inquest unnecessary. Colfield or Boland came to Petersburg some years ago from New York to engage in railroad work. In recent years he had been doing odd jobs, sometimes working for the city. Very lately he had been engaged in raising a barge sunk in the harbor, and from this barge, it is believed, he fell in the water Friday night and was drowned. Deceased was an Irishman by birth and is survived by one son, living in New York.

**Important Meeting.**  
The conference of the United States Board of Engineers with the business men of Petersburg, of which mention has been made in the Times-Dispatch, appointed for the afternoon of July 23, will be an important one. The object is to have a candid discussion and consideration of the matter of the improvement of the Appomattox River, and harbor, and the conference is held at the instance of the president of the board, which has rivers and harbors in charge. A representative of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, which is equally interested in the city, is certain improvement of the river, being suggested to prevent danger to property by future freshets will probably be presented at the conference as will the business men of the city. A great benefit may result from this meeting.

**Appointed Brigade Sponsor.**  
Miss Dorothy Harrison, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Harrison, of this city, has been appointed by Commander S. D. Rogers as sponsor for the Third Brigade, Virginia Sons of Confederate Soldiers, at the reunion of the Sons to be held at Pulaski in October. Miss Harrison has accepted the position of honor and will do credit to the brigade.

**Jailed on Felony Charges.**  
Roger Allan, a negro, wanted in Brunswick county for felonious cutting and wounding, was arrested at this city Saturday and at night was brought to the jail in this city to await an officer from Brunswick.

**Death of Citizen.**  
Isaac N. Wolfe, a well-known citizen, aged about fifty-five years, died in the Petersburg Hospital at an early hour this morning. For a number of years he had been practically an invalid, as the result of paralysis. He is survived by his mother and two sisters—all of this city.

**Personal and Otherwise.**  
Judge J. M. Mullen and Mrs. Mullen have been at Hampton for some days. The judge will return to the city this week to open the July term of his court.  
Mrs. John Herbert Claiborne and daughter, Miss Donald Claiborne, are at Virginia Beach, where there is a large colony of Petersburg people enjoying the sea breezes.

**MOVEMENT TO INCREASE  
ENDOWMENT OF TRINITY**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Durham, N. C., July 14.—A movement of great importance to the progress of higher education in North Carolina and the South is the rebuilding and increased endowment of Trinity College. During the year and a half just passed four new buildings have been erected—an academic building, an administration building and two modern dormitories. The contemporaneous with this building activity is the movement to raise a \$1,000,000 endowment fund for the college. This campaign began with the offer of the General Education Board, of New York, to contribute \$150,000 toward the fund. The college board, in response, provided the college would raise the balance of the \$1,000,000. So successful have the college authorities been in their quest for funds that a total of \$250,000 is now pledged, provided that the \$150,000 to complete the \$1,000,000 can be obtained by December 31, 1912.

## THE GIRL FROM BAGDAD

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### She Is Some Gal!

Take a Kansas City waitress, with a broken heart and the gift of gab, and drop her down before the counter of a railway eating house where cowboys and ranchers and like folk come around for a little "chin music" and ham and eggs, and something is sure to start. Sadie could hand them a jolt just as easy as she could cut a bun. There are some tense moments in this story. There are dramatic situations. But after all, it is the "humaneness" of the story that gives it a lasting appeal.

### Big Laughs in a Bunch

Next Sunday there will be another laugh festival. "Pitiless Persy the Pirut Prince, or Only II but Skourge of the Seas," by Paul West, would bring a smile to a face of stone. It is another one of the Dime Novels of an Office Boy, and it is full of laughs, with four or five laughs in the pictures for good measure. Buy THE TIMES-DISPATCH, pick out a nice place in the shade next Sunday and enjoy yourself.

### The Plant Wizard

Because he fully made up his mind to do the thing he most wanted to do, the man who is now the greatest inventor of plants, fruits and vegetables gave up his place in a shop and headed for his garden. He is a modest man and scarcely realizes how important is the work he has done—how great are his accomplishments. You can learn more about him, particularly of his beginnings, next Sunday.

## Some Sunday Features of The Times-Dispatch

## BOYS IN FISHING PARTY DROWNED

Bodies Found After an All-Night Search Floating in River.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, N. C., July 14.—News reached this city yesterday afternoon of a tragedy that occurred at Farmers Landing, near Grimesland, Pitt county, N. C., when three bright boys met their death by drowning in Tar River. Theodore Tucker, aged eighteen years, Elbert Tucker, aged thirteen years, and Robert Hardy, aged twelve years, their cousin, determined to go fishing about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and left the Tucker home with fishing tackle. Milton Tucker, another one of the Tucker boys, accompanied them to go in swimming, and later returned home to attend to some duties at the farm.

When supper time came, the boys not showing up, Milton went in search of them, and when he arrived at the river he found their clothes on the bank and the boat drawn up on shore, but no trace of the boys. He hastened home and gave the alarm, and searching parties were immediately organized and searched the river, dragging for this bodies all last night without success. The bodies were finally located this morning floating in the river.

The two Tucker boys were sons of S. B. Tucker, a prominent farmer of Pitt county, and the Hardy boy a son of Coon Hardy, of Greenville, N. C.

### BOY A BURGLAR'S PUPIL.

New Orleans Police Spoil His Dream of Easy Wealth.

New Orleans, July 14.—Milford Lindsay, eighteen years old, of Galveston, was a "frenzied financier" with a big get-rich-quick bee in his bonnet, but now he is an inmate of a cell in the police station.

Lindsay said he became the regular pupil of a burglar, with whom he was working on a commission basis, although it was understood he was to get all the profits of his labors as soon as his tutor graduated him. He and his alleged preceptor, who was put down in police records as "Casey Jones," were arrested as they were boarding a steamship for New York.

"I was making \$12 a week," Milford told the police, "and I didn't think that was enough. I had to have more, and when I fell in with 'Jones' he showed me what looked like a very easy way of getting a big roll and having a good time."

Together they robbed two houses in Galveston, according to the warrants, and young Lindsay's companion, stealing \$1,045 worth of jewelry in one place and about \$500 in another. They pawned and sold most of the stuff and bought steamship tickets for New York.

Robert Wayne Montel, thirty-six years old, is the man arrested with young Lindsay, who met him in a furnished room house in Houston. According to the boy, Montel, who is known as "Casey Jones" because of his disposition to whistle that melody, told Lindsay he was a contractor in the East and would take him there and put him to work in a "good soft job" after they had "turned a few little tricks" in Galveston to get means for the trip.

## OLD ST. PETERS IS TO BE BEAUTIFIED

Rome, July 14.—The marble workers will soon begin to make hammer and chisel chip under the sounding vaults of St. Peter's. The time chosen for completing the interior of the famous church, according to original design, is well chosen in that it coincides with the sixteenth centenary of the recognition of Christianity by the Emperor Constantine, who laid the foundations of the former church of St. Peter's.

The present cathedral was erected on the site of the old one, and some of the original foundations remain. St. Peter's, though 125 years in building, was never fully completed. The facade was only finished under the Borkhase Pope Paul V. a hundred years after the interior had been commenced, and each succeeding Pope, notably Clement VIII., added to the decorations originally planned. Rich marbles and mosaics crawl in the course of centuries round the altars, on the pilasters, and high up in the golden dome the colossal statues which adorn the niches were added one by one in the course of those hundred years.

Fifty years ago, under Pope pius IX., the task was begun of substituting Carrara marble for stone in the pediments of the great pilasters of the nave. Now it remains to clothe with the same marble the entire length of the heavily-arched Corinthian pilasters. The cost will run into at least \$500,000, and the public will be appealed to for subscriptions. The Pope himself and Cardinal Rampolla have already made large gifts toward the work which may not be completed for another half century.

**INSPECT CHARLES CITY ROADS.**  
Members of New Kent Board of Supervisors on Automobile Trip.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Malvern Hill, Va., July 14.—An automobile party, consisting of members of the Board of Supervisors of New Kent county, made a trip to Charles City county on Thursday to inspect the improved public highways of this county, which are in so much better condition than those of New Kent. The party was headed by a car driven by J. B. Richardson, a well-known citizen of New Kent, and Richard Montreale furnished his motor car for the occasion.

Miss Ruth Minor, of Gloucester, is the guest of Mrs. Sue Haffin at her home, "Rivington."

Mrs. Sue R. Harrison, who has been in Urbana for several weeks, where she attended the marriage of her niece, Miss Mary Jones, returned to her home, "Tuesdays."

Miss Martha Lawrence, of Petersburg, returned to Shirley on Saturday, where she will spend the month of July.

Captain and Mrs. Thomas W. Wilcox, of "Bel Air," are the guests of their son, Judge Thomas H. Wilcox, in Norfolk.

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## BLANTON SPEAKS AT MARTINSVILLE

Addresses Normal Teachers, May Be Candidate for State Superintendent.

Martinsville, Va., July 14.—The most delightful entertainment of the season was given Friday night in the auditorium before a very large audience consisting of citizens of the town, but more particularly of normal teachers, who were highly entertained with the music in which Editor R. L. Harrison, of Richmond, portrayed the original Southern dialect, both of white and colored. He was loudly applauded, and the audience refused to let him discontinue until a late hour of the night.

Among the possible candidates to become aspirants for the position of state superintendent of schools, Mr. Blanton's name is high among the leading ones so far mentioned. When asked whether or not he expects to enter the race, he evaded a positive response. However, his friends consider him eminently qualified, and in the event the incumbent does not enter the race for re-election, the impression here is that Mr. Blanton will be among the candidates.

Sunday evening a sacred concert was given in honor of the many visitors in town attending the normal school. Those who took part in the program were Dr. Bascom Day, who welcomed the guests in a very appropriate manner; Miss Paul Brown, one of Martinsville's talented young vocalists, rendered a solo; Mrs. Richard Sample, Mrs. C. T. Womack, Miss Patty Brown and E. G. Grove sang a quartet selection, while Mrs. C. T. Womack rendered a beautiful vocal solo. E. E. Gravelly concluded with a violin solo, accompanied by the pianist, Miss Corinne Brown.

Hon. William M. Peyton, a recent delegate to the Republican Chicago convention, and who is a strong Roosevelt adherent, is being mentioned as a candidate for Congress from the Fifth District upon the New Roosevelt party platform. Mr. Peyton, who is a prominent attorney of the Martinsville bar, expects to deliver the Roosevelt convention in Chicago during August.

## BAYLOR DEFENDS HIS PART IN RAID

Bristol Methodist Minister Replies to Criticism of His Action.

Bristol, Va., July 14.—In view of criticism offered upon the course of Dr. J. A. Baylor, of State Street Methodist Church, in connection with the recent raid of certain resorts here, Dr. Baylor today defended his course in a sermon on which he told the inside facts leading up to the raid. He ordered no word of criticism against the local officers, but said that the people in charge of these places had acquired artificial rights which necessitated strong moral backing to bring about the closing of such resorts. He said he volunteered in the interest of the homes of Bristol, the sons and daughters and the schools and colleges. He referred to one attorney who had denounced his course at the trial in the following language: "I have nothing but supreme contempt for him and all men of his ilk. I am opposed to divorce, but I will not have a woman and her husband such a thing, a man who would show tears in pleading for debased women, I would hunt a lawyer out of town."